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'Tis drinking in Thy tender love,
From all below and all above.

'Tis putting on the garment white,
Preparing for the blissful sight,
Of that rejoicing, glorious feast
Which saints will share, from great to least.

'Tis cleansing in Thy blood each stain,
And knowing peace and peace again;
'Tis deep remorse—yet grateful soul,
'Tis utter weakness—yet so strong!

'Tis stepping light—though burdened sore,
'Tis hating sin—yet more and more;
'Tis fighting hard—and yet at rest,
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News of the Week.

MISCELLANEOUS.

On Thursday night of last week Dr. Peters, of Hamilton College, discovered the one hundred and twenty-ninth asteroid.

The army appropriation bill appropriates \$30,000,000.

The House committee on appropriations has agreed to an appropriation of \$100,000 for observing the transit of Venus.

The committee of investigation of the Missouri Legislature, in their report, exonerate United States Senator-elect Bogoy of corruption.

Senator Wilson, has written his letter of resignation to take effect March 3. The Legislature of Massachusetts will elect a successor on the 18 inst.

General Butler has reported a bill to increase the salaries of the President, Vice-President, Chief Justice and associate justices of the Supreme Court, Cabinet officers, Speaker of the House and members of Congress.

The great wrestling contest between Homer Lane, of New York, the champion of America, and Lang Dolan, of Brighton Mass., for \$1,000 a side and the championship of America, took place at Brighton on Friday evening. There was a large attendance. Lane was the winner in two straight bouts.

A dispatch from Harrisburg, Saturday says: Ex-Governor Geary returned from New York last evening in apparent good health. About nine o'clock this morning while breakfasting with his family and in the act of helping his little son, his head suddenly fell back, and before his wife could get to his side, and before medical aid could be summoned, he was dead. It is supposed heart disease or apoplexy was the cause of his death. Citizens are greatly excited, and much sorrow is expressed on all sides.

Dispatches having been published in Washington representing that the Kansas House of Representatives in laying on the table a resolution asking Senator Caldwell to resign, expressed confidence in him, and this fact having become known at Topeka, a resolution was passed yesterday declaring that the House expressed no opinion of the guilt or innocence of Caldwell pending the decision of the committee. Caldwell is resorting to all kind of resources to build up a fictitious sentiment in his favor.

It appears that the pneumatic tube just laid between the capitol at Washington and the government printer, has met with a severe misfortune, totally outside however, of the feasibility or merits of the invention, owing to delay in transporting the vessel which had been prepared at Buffalo—delays amounting to loss of three months, the inventor has been compelled to lay the tube mainly during the winter. At the point at which the super-incumbent pressure of earth is greatest, seventeen feet in all, the tubings given way for several lengths. Saggings has resulted from the fact that a spring or running stream has been forcing its way under and through the tube, until the earth was washed away from beneath. The damage will probably require about \$5,000 to repair and prevent the same occurring again. This inventor was busily preparing for his final experiment, of the full success of which he had and has no doubt, having tested the sphere vehicle for more than half the distance, just before this accident. He has not to work again.

The Senate committee on privileges and elections reported a bill that presidential elector had not been legally chosen in Louisiana, and that the vote of the State should not be counted.

On Monday a petition of one thousand clerks in the several departments was presented to the Senate, asking the passage of the pending bill to regulate the sale of liquors in the District of Columbia.

The surrogate has admitted the will made by Horace Greeley in 1871 to be probate.

Gaffney, on being informed of the verdict of the jury finding him sane, at once abandoned feigning. His spiritual advisers have been invited to visit him.

Mr. Oakes Ames has returned to Washington, and appeared before Judge Poland's Committee with his memorandum book, on Tuesday.

A special dispatch to the Utica morning Herald of yesterday says: Witnesses were produced by Vice-President Colfax before the Poland committee, to testify concerning the \$1,200, and about the unfortunate circumstances surrounding the alleged receipt of money from Nesbit, his and their testimony would go far in his vindication. Justice will compel the admission, however, that his testimony, with its corroborations, is at least as strong as that of Oakes Ames, which Mr. Hale showed to be impeachable.

FOREIGN.

The British Parliament was reopened at noon Thursday, when the Lord Chancellor read Her Majesty's speech.

Lord Derby in addressing the House of Lords, severely condemned the Geneva arbitration, and opened a warm debate on the subject. In the House of Commons Mr. Disraeli also spoke strongly against the Geneva award, and in open defiance of the encroachments of Russia in Central Asia.

In a collision Feb. 8, on the North British Railway, near Dunbar, Edinburgh nine persons were instantly killed, and several severely injured.

The Emperor William of Germany footers in the officers of his army that feeling of honor which insists upon dueling between conflicting persons. It is stated that he compelled several officers of a Polish regiment to resign for having agreed not to fight duels with each other in any case.

Three days' mails were on Sunday due between London and Paris, owing to the heavy snow storms which have prevailed in both countries. Madrid has also had the unusual visitation of a severe snow storm.

The Empress Caroline Augusta of Austria, grandmother of the reigning Emperor and widow of the Emperor Francis I, died on Sunday at the age of eighty years.

It is announced that King Amadeus contemplates abdicating. The news of the abdication of King Amadeus causes much apprehension in London and Paris, and a bitter civil war is feared.

The government has a large force operating against the insurgents in northern Spain, but the rebels are very active and the leaders are acting in concert and perfecting their organization.

Sinking of the Northfleet.

The details of the terrible disaster to the Northfleet are published, from which it appears that, at half past ten at night, the captain and others were alarmed by a cry from the officer of the watch, "A steamer is right into us!" The captain and pilot rushed on deck, but before they got there the steamer had run into the vessel; striking her amidships and cutting her below the water mark. The carpenter quickly reported her nearly half full of water. The pumps were started promptly and the crew worked hard at them for some minutes, but when it was found the water was rapidly gaining, a panic seemed to seize both crew and passengers, and the officers could not keep the latter in check. A crowd of men and women rushed up from their berths, many only half clothed. The passengers had mostly retired, but a few were un-expected. The noise of the collision is likened by one of them to a peal of thunder, and such was the violence of the shock, that those standing were knocked down. It appears the steamer rebounded and came a second time in collision with the Northfleet. The water began to pour in, and in a very short time the passengers' quarters were swamped. The women were quicker to rush on deck than the men, and many were not in a condition to go until the water rose threateningly around them. No one on board of the steamer was heard to speak, although loud and eager shouts from the Northfleet must have made her crew aware of the terrible danger that existed. She backed two or three minutes and then steaming rapidly away was soon out of sight. For half an hour the scene on the Northfleet was appalling; women shrieked, men cursed and swore, and fought their way towards the boats, while the captain and first mate roared out commands to the men to keep back and allow the women to get to the side of the vessel, but apparently without success. Rockets were fired and blue lights burned. A gun was loaded, but the head of the ramrod became detached from the handle and the piece could not be discharged. The signals of distress were seen by several vessels, but appeared to have been regarded as signals for a pilot, for no assistance was rendered. Meanwhile the scene on deck baffles description. The captain, finding the men determined to leave the vessel, went below, armed himself with a revolver, and ascending the poop, declared his determination to shoot the first man who tried to leave the vessel before the women were saved. The first boat launched was lowered by a number of passengers by cutting the ropes. There being no ladder at hand, the only way of getting into it was by leaping or dropping some twelve or fifteen feet. As there was a terrible rush toward the boat, the scene was of distressing confusion, and a man and boy fell into the water and drowned. The officers did all they could to force the men who first got into the boat out, so that the women might be saved, but to no purpose; even firing on them with blank cartridge. About thirty persons having got into the boat put off, not one of the crew in it. Another life boat was launched, a man got into it and was ordered to leave and refused, and the captain shot him in the leg. Then Capt. Knowles placed his wife in the boat and said to the boatswain, who had already got in, "Here is a charge for you both, take care of her and the rest, and don't lose her." Wringing his wife's hand he bade her good-by, saying, "I shall never see you again." It is impossible to describe the panic that reigned all this time. The engineer made a frantic effort to save his wife and children, but was jammed between the cook-house and gunwale, and received such dreadful injuries that though afterwards rescued, he is in a precarious state. Only two of the seven boats aboard were launched, owing to the panic, and one was seriously damaged, as the tackle was out and the boat fell into the sea. When the second boat had got off it seemed to become a question of moments. The quarter-deck was still crowded by men, women and children; some crying, some swearing, some praying. The captain and pilot were together, and the latter was heard saying, "If you want to save yourselves make for the topmast," to which many of the poor people rushed. In a quarter of an hour a tug picked up the second boat, with thirty occupants, and then steamed for some time around the spot, when, about three quarters of an hour after being struck, the Northfleet went down, head first, with awful suddenness, and with 237 souls on board, at that moment the first boat was 100 yards off and the second only 20 or 30 from the vessel. The crew of the first boat after landing the women, rowed around the scene of the wreck and saved five men trying to swim to shore. A lugger took off the occupants of the second boat, 34 passengers and a pilot; a cutter rescued a pilot and ten men, who, having gone down with the vessel, rose to the surface and clung to the main topmast rigging. The vessel lies in eleven fathoms of water. The survivors say that the captain displayed the greatest heroism to the end.

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HOME AND COUNTRY.

Oswego County—Its Topography, Productions, &c.

"Go round about her; tell the towers thereof. Mark her bulwarks, consider her palaces."

The surface of Oswego County is generally level, yet not handsomely ridged, the ridges running in a northwest and southwest direction. The soil covering the rocky foundation varies in depth from a few feet to a hundred or more, and is mostly loam with some clay and muck, and an occasional gravel and sand ridge. Field stone is found in great abundance in some districts and ridges, while in others it is inconveniently scarce. The species of rock presented are various, and in some places they appear to have been recently broken up, having sharp corners; in others they are worn and oval in shape. Limestone is found in limited quantities in the south-western part of the county. The upper stratum of rock along the shore of Lake Ontario is a valuable gray sand, suitable for building, flagging, &c.

The principal forest growth is hemlock, maple, pine, beech, elm, black ash, cedar, &c. All kinds of fruit that are grown in our climate succeed well here. The principal crops are corn, oats, wheat, potatoes and grass. Dairying is carried on quite extensively, some ten cheese factories running during the summer. Flouring mills located in Oswego, Fulton and Phoenix are doing an immense amount of business. There are also a number of furnaces and machine shops, an extensive starch factory, glass factories, barrel factories, besides ship and boat yards.

Hydraulic privileges are excellent. Creeks of sufficient capacity and fall are distributed through all parts of the county. Salmon river is capable of moving a large amount of machinery; but we will now leave the ordinary streams and introduce you to the Oswego river, which, for water power, has not its equal. By a glance at the map it will be seen that it is formed by the union of the Seneca and Oneida rivers, both of which drain level portions of the State, and have numerous small lakes, which serve to equalize the waters, so that when other rivers flood their banks, carrying off fences, bridges, lumber, mills, dams, &c., the Oswego always keeps quiet.

On the other hand, when other streams are made lank and lean by drouth, the Oswego river is plump and full. It takes its waters from thirteen counties, and yet the greatest rise ever known at Fulton, where the river has but an average width, is but three feet from extreme low-water mark, and the greatest rise in twenty-four hours four inches. Considerable of the water is used at Oswego, yet probably not five per cent. of the water is used that might be profitably employed.

For commercial facilities Oswego county is well accommodated. A large amount of the shipping of Lake Ontario is done at Oswego. The Oswego canal is not only doing the local or home business, but also a large amount of business from the West and Canada to the sea-board. The Oneida lake and river, which form part of the southern boundary of the county, have, for the last twenty-three seasons, been navigated by steamboats used for towing canal boats, as by this route boats can save in each passing one day's time and a small amount of toll.

There are six important railroads partly located within the county: the Oswego & Syracuse, Rome, Watertown & Ogdensburg, Oswego & Rome, New York & Oswego Midland, Syracuse Northern, and Lake Ontario Shore, all of which are doing a good business. The principal places are Oswego city, the villages of Fulton, Pulaski, Cleveland, Central Square, Mexico, Phoenix, Constantia, Hannibal, Colosse, Parish, New Haven, Sandy Creek and Williams-town, to which might be added some dozen more of considerable business.

The county is blessed with three or four Agricultural and one or two Horticultural Societies. There are eleven weekly papers, two of which issue dailies. For schools, the main dependence is on the District school, yet we have the Normal School at Oswego; Fallsey Seminary, Fulton; Mexico Academy, Mexico; and the Pulaski Academy, Pulaski; all of which are in a very prosperous condition.

The principal religious societies are Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational, Baptist, Episcopal, Catholic and Universalist. To make up the society the world has been taxed. While nearly all parts of Europe have here their sons and daughters, there are some from Asia. Canada is well represented, but from Vermont, Massachusetts, Connecticut and Rhode Island we have a sufficient ratio to keep up New England manners and customs.

This county, I think, never furnished candidates for either of the first offices of the State or United States.

Theologically, there is something of a contrast between the section bordering on Lake Ontario and the southern part of the county. The spring opens some two weeks later near the lake than in the southern part, autumn frosts hold off from two to three weeks later, and there is usually much more snow in the southern portion than near the lake.

You No. Palermo, Oswego Co., Feb., 1873.

CONGREGATIONAL FESTIVAL.—A Festival and Oyster Supper will be held at Clowbridge House, New Haven, this (Thursday) evening, for the benefit of the Congregational church. All are cordially invited.

DONATION.—The friends of Rev. W. C. Johnson, in Amboy, propose to meet at the residence of Delos Randall, Esq., near the Centre, for his benefit, on Wednesday evening, Feb. 19. Ample accommodation for teams. A cordial invitation to all.

By Order Com.

CHRIST CHURCH (Universalist).—Regular services every Sunday, at 2 o'clock p. m. All are invited. Seats free. Rev. James Vincent, Pastor.

A Concert and Dramatic Entertainment

Will be given in aid of the Organ Fund of Grace church, in this village, on Tuesday evening, Feb. 18, 1873, at Empire Hall. The following is the programme:

- PART I.
1. Duet (instrumental), Miss Addie Webb, Miss Josie Smith.
 2. Duet (vocal), Carrie Tuller, Frank Foote.
 3. Trio, "Chris Chris Cradle."
 4. Duet (vocal), "Two Merry Hearts."
 5. Quartette, "Music in the Air."

- PART II.
1. A Farce entitled "Turn him out," Nicodemus Webb, Mr. L. D. Smith, Eglantine Roseleaf, Mr. Dip, Cole Mackintosh Moke, Mr. Chas. Alfred, Mrs. Moke, Miss Ada Barnes, Susan, Miss Josie Smith.
 2. A Court Scene in the Western States.

PART III.

Chorus, "The Storm King." Sopranos, Mrs. Tuller and Mrs. Watson. Alto, Mrs. Coon. Tenors, Messrs. Orvis and Northrup. Basses, Messrs. Wing, Simons and Miller.

Accompanist, Mrs. Parker.

Entrance fee, 25 cts. Children 15 cts. Doors open at 7 o'clock. Entertainment at 7 1/2.

[The Entertainment is expected to be one of much interest, and as the object is a very praiseworthy one, we trust there will be a large attendance.—En.]

Meteorology.

Again has dawned another year, With changes not a few.

Desolation is now everywhere visible around us. The naked boughs are bending 'neath their icy coverings, a snowy carpet conceals the bosom of the earth.

The amount of snow that fell in January, 1873, was 22 1/2 inches. Greatest amount that fell in January during that time was 1872—47 inches.

The warmest day of the month was that of the 16th—44.6°. Coldest day, 29th—6.6° below zero.

The "January thaw" has made several feeble attempts, lasting a few days only, to lessen the snow banks, and all are looking for signs of the "dissolving views" to remove the white mantle covering the whole earth in this vicinity.

The average temperature at 7 a. m. was 15.3°, at 2 p. m., 21.3°, and at 9 p. m., 18.5°. Mean for the month, 18.3°. Coldest January during the past 20 years was in 1867—14.5°. Warmest in 1863 29.3°. Greatest variation during that time was 14.8°.

Mercury fell below zero on the 11th, 29th and 30th; lowest, 11° below zero. Lowest mercury has attained in January during the past 20 years was in 1857—30° below zero.

I cannot help repeating what is often heard, that this is too cold a country to live in. Still, it may be that some of the grumblers, unless they mend their ways, will at some future day complain of the hot weather in as boisterous a manner as they now do of the cold.

The amount of rain and melted snow that fell in January during the past 20 years was as follows:

Year	Inches	Year	Inches
1854	2.6	1861	3.2
1855	2.5	1862	3.3
1856	2.5	1863	3.6
1857	3.9	1864	4.6
1858	2.9	1865	3.4
1859	2.4	1866	1.5
1860	2.6	1867	4.7

E. B. BARTLETT, Palermo, Feb., 1873.

Real Estate Sales.

Margaret Wood to Omri Ives, lot in Central Square, \$375. November, 1872.

Elizabeth Woodworth to Azmon Woodruff, 50 acres in West Monroe, \$2,000. September, 1872.

William Oyer to Sidaina Cole, 27 1/2 acres in West Monroe, \$1,500. April, 1871.

Samuel Cole to Jasper Hoyt, 27 1/2 acres in West Monroe, \$65.96. October, 1872.

George P. Cook to William E. Cook, 5 1/2 acres in Volney, \$125. March, 1866.

Alfred C. Buell, George Buell and Polly F. Perrine, heirs of Rhoda Buell, to Burton Thompson, 50 acres in Hastings, \$1450. March, 1871.

Alonzo J. Wimple to Homer A. Wilcox, one acre in Mexico, \$1,400. December, 1872.

David Garber to Austin Smith, undivided one-fourth of one-half acre in Parish, \$11.50. February, 1868.

Henry A. Davey to Austin Smith, undivided one-fourth of 2 acres in Parish, \$500. June, 1868.

W. H. Church to Perry N. Richardson 3 1/2 acres in Mexico, \$440. March, 1872.

William A. Judson, Edward B. Judson, Henry Van Vleet, and Elijah Hallenbeck to George H. Danforth, 50 acres in Constantia, \$700. December, 1868.

Lorenzo Phillips to Josephine Vanderwerker, one acre in Constantia, \$25. December, 1871.

Henry L. Vanderburgh to Timothy H. Christman and William G. Christman, 110 acres in West Monroe, \$7,000. January, 1873.

Raphael W. Warner to Erasmus W. Bailey, 20 acres in Hastings, \$200. December, 1861.

Raphael W. Warner to E. W. Bailey, 18 1/2 acres in Hastings, \$200. December, 1861.

William H. Hall to William Farrell and Daniel McSweeney, 4 1/2 acres in New Haven, \$600. January, 1873.

Charles Kitts to Henry Tollerton, 59 1/2 acres in Hastings, \$800. January, 1873.

BRIGGS & BRO'S CATALOGUE.—We have received the Annual Catalogue of Briggs & Bro., Rochester N. Y., which comes to us in a more elaborate form than ever before. It is a work of 136 pages, profusely illustrated and filled with choice practical matter of great benefit to all Floriculturists and Gardeners.

The work is hereafter to be issued quarterly, free to all patrons of the firm who have purchased seeds of them, and only 25 cents to all others, and the amount will be refunded to all buying \$1 worth of seeds.

Send for the work, and it will be the cheapest work on Floriculture to be had.

—Moore's Rural New Yorker for \$2.00. A \$5.00 picture for 50 cts. ad. included. Subscribe at L. L. VINOLI'S.

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The Syracuse Northern Railroad.

On the 18th of May, 1870, the first blow was struck in the work of constructing this railroad, and although the road has been in operation for over one year, the line could not have been said to be completed until the connection of the track with the New York Central four weeks ago last Sunday. With this connection the length of the road is a trifle more than forty-five miles, exclusive of some two miles of side track.

During the year which this has intervened, the rolling stock of the company has consisted of four locomotives, six passenger cars, — box cars and — flat cars. This has hardly been adequate to the proper and safe working of the road, and now that connection with the Central has been accomplished, additional rolling stock will doubtless be obtained, as the increased business will require such addition to the working machinery.

No railroad in our State was more substantially built than the Syracuse Northern. Nearly every culvert and trestle pass is constructed of solid masonry. All the bridge abutments are composed of the same material. There is one iron bridge that over the Oswego canal near Liverpool, is of iron, and cost \$20,000. The bridges at Brewerton (over the Oneida river), and at Pulaski (over the Salmon river) are of excellent workmanship, and rest on solid stone piers and abutments.

Last Friday the first ore train from Northern New York was received in Syracuse, and passed on to the Central road, to be distributed at various points here and westward. Hereafter it is expected that this kind of freight will make a considerable item in the freight earnings of the road. Several car loads of pig iron from the Carthage furnace have also been brought down to this city.

With equal arrangements for freight between the Northern and Rome and Watertown company, all the freight between Syracuse and Northern New York will pass over this line.

Reports hitherto circulated relative to the leasing of the Northern road to the Rome and Watertown, have had little foundation. Matters have never proceeded far in that direction—in fact never beyond the point of informality on either side; and at present there seems no likelihood of any permanent arrangement of the kind between the two companies. Much opposition to the measure has always been manifested, especially by the towns along the line of the road in Oswego county, which hold large amounts of the stock of the company.—Syracuse Journal, Feb. 4.

PARISH.

Last Saturday evening, Feb. 1, the following individuals were installed officers of the Good Temperance Lodge: W. W. Hathaway, W. C. T.; Mrs. R. W. Slattery, W. V. T.; G. Van Orden, W. S.; Miss Emma Avery, W. A. S.; Elezer Rulison, W. F. S.; Miss Mary Butler, W. T.; Rev. A. P. Phinney, W. C.; C. Casler, W. M.; Miss Ellen Tillson, W. A. M.; J. Pailing, W. O. G.; Miss Mary Hathaway, W. I. G.; Miss Georgiana Thayer, R. H. S. Rev. J. H. Alsever is the P. W. C. T., and J. S. Cather, L. D.

Last Sunday evening Rev. A. P. Phinney and others met at the Town Hall for the purpose of taking into consideration the propriety of adopting some measures for the moral elevation of the place. It was thought best to organize a Bible Class and Sunday School, but a difficulty arose involving the question, Where shall we meet for the purpose? as the Hall and other places are not always in a suitable condition. It was suggested that we arise and build a house or church, and that this church be open to all religious teachers; and that only those who are true to the literary, scientific and moral purposes. In fine, it shall be a building in its most comprehensive sense, a home for all. Every Christian and philanthropist will feel, when in the church, that he can labor for the good of humanity. Sometimes it is difficult now to find a place even to have a funeral. This must be remedied.

Last Tuesday evening the dwelling house of Mr. Albert Westcott, of this town, was consumed by fire. The contents of the first story were saved. There was a small insurance.

On Wednesday evening the Wilder Sisters had a concert at the Town Hall. We were not present, but learn that the concert was very creditable to them.

About 50 tons of iron are passing through our place daily on the S. N. Railroad, for Syracuse. It is now an important item of freight.

Next Friday and Saturday the Teachers' Association of the 2d District meets at our place. A general invitation is given to all to attend. This is the first Association in which Prof. Howard, our new School Commissioner, has the privilege of meeting the teachers as their presiding officer. Prof. Howard is a gentleman of culture and experience, and all parties have confidence in him that he will elevate our schools; in fact, we believe he will compare favorably with some other Lad(d), and that he will not be any more liable than others to be engulfed in a Marsh.

Rev. A. P. Phinney has consented to conduct the religious exercises on the occasion.

Parish, Feb. 1, 1873. Odd.

GODDESS LADY'S BOOK.—The following embellishments are contained in the March number: "Farewell to Home," a steel plate; colored fashion plate; an alphabet for marking; "Christ blessing little children," a wood-cut illustration; an extension sheet of fashions, and other useful articles for ladies and children; and a wood-department of fancy designs.

The literary department is a fountain of excellent reading, calculated to instruct as well as please.

As Godess's is one of the oldest, so it is also one of the best, if not the best of the magazines for ladies. It has no superior: we doubt if it has an equal.

RECIPE FOR KILLING A TOWN.—The Kingston Gazette speaks truly when it says: "To kill a town, undertake every present and prospective public enterprise, speak ill of the churches and schools, tell everybody the hotels are bad, enlarge the vices of the people, especially the young people; withhold the patronage from your merchants and tradesmen, and buy your goods and groceries at some other place; and by all means go to the city for your millinery and such like; never subscribe for the local paper, and if you are in business, refuse to advertise."

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An Interesting Historical Chapter.

A correspondent of the Phoenix Register furnishes an interesting chapter of history concerning the earliest white occupants of Frenchman's Island, Oneida Lake. It was settled by Count St. Hilary, one of the many French nobles who were compelled to fly their country during the revolution of '93. Accompanied by his wife and daughter of the house of Clermont, they landed upon our shores. Following the trail of emigration westward, they reached Oneida Lake, then on the thoroughfare of travel, and attracted by the beautiful island, and its primitive forest, they landed upon it, and concluded to make it their future home.

Here in the deep solitude of nature, they enjoyed for many months perfect peace and quietude. Their place of residence was at length discovered by Chancellor Livingston, who had formerly enjoyed the hospitalities of the lady's family at Paris. He visited them in their home, and after spending some time with them, he prevailed upon them to return with him to his mansion upon the Hudson. There they continued to reside until Bonaparte had put an end to the reign of terror, and restored much of the confiscated property of the exiles of the revolution, when they returned to France.

Several years after, as Livingston stood upon the banks of the Seine, amidst a crowd of distinguished Parisians, to witness the first experiment in steam navigation, he was recognized by the Count who at once took him to his residence, and treated him, during his stay in Paris, as a generous benefactor and honored guest. Livingston's mansion upon the Hudson, and the first steamboat of Fulton and Livingston, were both named in honor of the lady's family "Clermont."

BLOSSOMS ALL THE YEAR.—If you wish something more beautiful and fragrant than house plants, something that shall be a constant reminder of spring with its green leaves and bright blossoms, you may have it by simply cutting off branches of the various kinds of trees whose blossoms you wish and placing their stem in a jar of moist earth. If you wish leaves, only cut a new green branch of the season previous, if you want leaves and blossoms take one at least two years old. We have been shown some beautiful pear and apple blossoms produced in this manner by Mr. Stearns of this village, and they were as perfect and fragrant as if blossomed in May. The branches may be cut at any time during the winter as only five or six weeks are required to bring them to perfection, with a little care and attention a home may be made fragrant with fresh blossoms during all the winter months. We know some who do this, using the limbs of the cherry, peach, apple or whatever tree they choose to cut for their hot-house plants, putting them in the same jars. They then require no additional care or attention, and when brought to perfection rival in beauty and sweetness the plants themselves. Our lady readers who delight in flower culture should try this, and we promise them they will be well rewarded for their trouble.—Fulton Patriot.

We clip the following from the Boston Globe's report of Wednesday's proceedings before the railway committee of the Massachusetts Legislature: Mr. H. Derby, was then heard as a director in and representative of the Fitchburg railroad, and it appeared during his remarks that he was also a director in the proposed Boston, Rome and Oswego road.

He began by saying that he or the company represented by him did not oppose consolidation, but they did oppose the proposed form of consolidation as one too narrow and insufficient to accomplish the desired end. Mr. Derby spoke of his acquaintance with the history of the tunnel and of his early and long advocacy of it as the desirable route to the West.

He denied that the State or any of the roads were in any way hampered by any agreement whatever, and that there was nothing to prevent any of the parties from forming such combinations as they might desire for their best interests. He did not favor a union of roads which would include the Troy and Boston road for many reasons, one of which was the fact that the bill proposed would give that road the same privileges with the road he represented, although the financial standing of the two roads was totally different. The most desirable objective point for a consolidation to reach was Oswego, where ample facilities in the way of terminal facilities could be had and connections made with strong direct lines to the West, and not only would there be gained a continuous line, but one independent as well.

AN OYSTER SUPPER AND DANCE.—There will be an Oyster Supper and Dance at Union Hotel, Colosse, Tuesday evening, Feb. 18th, 1873. Commencement in attendance. Full Bill \$1.50.

L. D. SNELL, Pro.

WHAT IS IT?—A Washington correspondent thus expresses the meaning of Credit Mobilier:

"What is this Credit Mobilier they are making such a fuss about down stairs?" said one man to another.

"Why," answered the other, with a superior air, "don't you know? Some of these Congressmen went down to Mobile last summer and ran up great bills; and now they are making a row because the Mobiliers are after them to make them pay their debts."

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BRIEFS.

—Go early

—To the Post-office

—To-morrow morning,

—And take a basket for the valentines.

—If you get an ugly-looking valentine, don't feel bad.

—If you are a young lady, send a valentine to the young gent in our office who "sports" the "miawkful" neck-tie."

—The local newspaper is taken by the best people in every family.

—Lent will commence on the 24th inst.

—Seal skin parlor mats are the latest fashionable acquisition. But they cost!

—We have cards in our office fine enough for valentines, and ornamental enough for the center table.

—The mercury in Mexico thermometers took a low place on Sunday night, and didn't rise high on Monday.

—The Sandy Creek Lyceum talks of a challenge debate with the Pulaski Lyceum.

—A great many living men were as valuable to society two hundred years ago as they are to-day.

—Among ladies in London, writes a fashionable correspondent, there is a perfect rage for black silk stockings.

—A fine treat in store for those who attend the Concert at Empire Hall, next Tuesday evening.

—A lady in Syracuse says she possesses great resources in her dear daughters, but she has not yet been able to husband them.

—There is a brakeman on the Rome and Watertown road, who shoulders untidy passengers and carries them out. He is not a good man to fool with.

—Don't do it. Don't advertise your business; it's paying out money to accommodate other people; if they want to buy your goods let them hunt you up.

—A Danbury man hearing that the Boston fire threw seven thousand girls out of employment, sent them at once sixty volumes of patent office reports.

—The latest proposition is that a letter box be placed in the cars, in which letters may be deposited at any point along the line, the same being collected by a postman at the end of the route.

—It is easier to pay your newspaper subscription once a year, than to let the amount accumulate. The man who pays promptly in advance is the happiest of all newspaper subscribers. Try it.

—Don't fail to go to the Concert next Tuesday evening. By so doing you will not only be well entertained, but aid our Episcopal friends in purchasing a new organ.

—John Kane, of Oswego, brakeman on the Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad, was killed in consequence of falling between the cars, on Friday. He leaves a wife and five children.

—The committee having in charge the depositing of salmon trout in the streams in the vicinity of Oswego, will call upon the charitable public spirited men of Oswego to help defray the expense.

A case of devotion comes to light in Oswego that is very touching. A girl in one of the public schools of that city confesses to missing words in the spelling class that she may reach the boy she hankers for.

—When a young man receives two cuts direct at a church door and one "not at home" hint from a young lady, it is about time for him to change his spot, unless he has greater perseverance than common sense.

—It appears that the election bets made on the last Presidential election are not all paid yet. One young lady in Iowa agreed to kiss the editor of a paper in that State once a year for four years if Grant was elected, and she is keeping her word "manfully."

—Some sixty persons, mainly residents of Syracuse and vicinity, have organized what is called the Central New York county. They design emigrating to Southern Kansas next spring. The members are chiefly farmers and mechanics.

—Coming out of church the

